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## WILSON HAS EARNED ELECTION

President is Entitled to Re-Nomination and Re-election by Vote of All the People.

Those "friends of the President" who have been moved to assure the country that if he makes a trip to San Francisco it will not be "a campaign tour" have troubled themselves unnecessarily. Since the President has only to nod his head to gratify any ambition he may have to be renominated, there will be none to suspect him of intending this trip for campaign purposes. About the only thing that could prevent his renomination would be his refusal to accept renomination. The disposition of certain Democrats to inject the prohibition issue into national politics presents the possibility of an obstacle, but only the possibility of it. For when those who seem to be pressing the prohibition issue come to understand thoroughly that the President could not accept renomination on any platform declaring for nation-wide prohibition, most of them will desist, and allow that question to remain in abeyance. Hence, as a practical proposition, whether the President will be renominated or not is altogether a question of his own disposition. Nor does that statement quite present the question; for while it is certain that the President can get the nomination by expressing a willingness to accept it, it is by no means certain that the nomination would not thrust itself upon him, even if he should express an unwillingness to accept it.

It is by no means impossible that by the time this question must be decided we shall be in the midst of conditions which will make the President more popular than he has ever been. If the country shall be reveling in that full floodtide of prosperity that is now presaging in so many ways, there is apt to be an irresistible demand both for the renomination and re-election of the President. Of course his renomination and his re-election are likely to be opposed by certain elements of the country's population who conceive themselves to be aggrieved by his handling of the problems growing out of the war; but opposition actuated by that motive will very likely bring to the President's support many thousands who, without this provocation, would be found in opposition to him. So far, the President has been the victim of circumstances and not their beneficiary. He has accomplished immense tasks of a constructive kind, but the war has come on to deny his achievements a chance to prove their merits. It is quite true that one of these achievements, the creation of the federal reserve banking system, has saved the country from a panic, but no argument can be made out of that fact that will appeal to the popular imagination. Notwithstanding the federal reserve banking system has rendered this inestimable service, it has yet to convince the multitude of its virtues, and only a season of great business expansion can afford it the opportunity to demonstrate its virtues in a way that will convince this multitude.

As the case is now, the President stands charged with all the misfortunes that an unexampled world war has brought on the country. What aggravates the matter is that the country, instead of charging him with misfortunes for which he is not responsible, ought to be profoundly grateful to him for having saved it from calamities which it lay easily in his power to bring down on it. It is a singular fact that, while complaining of him, the country is unconsciously manifesting the utmost confidence in the President's statesmanship. Its deeds belie its words; for if the country has cause for the complaints it makes, it would have no cause for the preparations that are everywhere making for a full revision of industry and commerce. It is probable that

nowhere are the complaints of the President more bitter than they are in Wall street; and yet the buoyancy of the stock market is a standing refutation of all those complaints. The optimism shown there and everywhere would be without reason and without excuse if the complaints made of the President were just. The fact is, the President has rendered the country a service beyond its immediate power of appreciation. After a while it will begin to become sensible of its obligation to him, and if its awakening should be timed by fate for next spring, it will as a kind of atonement for its injustice and ingratitude, demand his renomination in a way which will make him powerless to resist. —Dallas (Tex.) News.

### Very Formal

New Haven, Conn., April 15.—For the first time since their famous dispute before the republican national convention in 1912, which brought about the formation of the progressive party, William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt, erstwhile presidents and rivals for the same honor at the last election, met here today at the funeral of Prof. Thomas P. Lounsbury of Yale University.

Both were among the honorary pall bearers, and although they shook hands and exchanged a few words, their greeting was very formal and rather chilly. Neither the sunny smile, for which Mr. Taft is noted, nor the famous "Delighted" of Mr. Roosevelt was brought into play.

"How do you do, Mr. Taft?" "How do you do, Mr. Roosevelt?" A formal clasp of the hands and it was over.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Roosevelt found time to ask about Mrs. Taft, and on being informed that she was well, expressed a wish to be remembered to her. Still later it was observed that the two men who once occupied the white house, conversed together for about a minute, but there appeared to be little cordiality between them, and when the services were over Mr. Taft hurried away to catch his train without waiting to bid goodbye to Mr. Roosevelt.

During the services the two men occupied separate pews, and they rode to the cemetery in separate carriages.

### Russia Is Prosperous

Petrograd, Russia, April 13.—The opinion was expressed today by Pierre L. Bark, Russian Minister of Finance, that, economically considered, the war has been a blessing to the people of this country. Discussing the financial and social aspects of the conflict in an interview with the Associated Press, M. Bark said: "Notwithstanding the depressing and paralyzing effect of the war, the Russian peasant class is more prosperous than at any previous time in the history of the country. It is not difficult to account for this unusual prosperity. By virtue of the allowance made by the government to the families of the soldiers, which exceeds the earning power of the soldiers, the total income of these families is greater than in times of peace. Thus, instead of feeling any privations as the result of the absence of the men and the loss of their services, the people are beginning to regard the war as a peculiar sort of godsend, which is putting money into their pockets."

### William R. Nelson

Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—Will Rockhill Nelson, editor and owner of the Kansas City Star, died at his home here early today. Mr. Nelson, who was 74 years old, had been in ill health several months and had been confined to his home since last December. Uremic poisoning was the cause of his death, according to physicians. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He founded the Kansas City Star in 1880, and was considered one of the great newspaper men of the country.

## TWO AUDITORS ON THE JOB

Howell Earnest and A. G. Whittier Both Receiving Official Reports From Banks and Co. Officers.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 15.—Letters formally notifying some state institutions and county treasurers that monthly and quarterly reports due by April 10, have not yet reached him, are being sent out by Howell Earnest as traveling auditor and bank examiner. This is simply in line with the stand taken by Mr. Earnest in connection with the office which the republican legislature sought to abolish by the passage of House Bill 294 over the governor's veto. Some state institutions and county treasurers have reported to Mr. Earnest, as usual, but others have reported to A. G. Whittier, as state traveling auditor. A few have sent duplicate reports, one to Mr. Earnest and the other to Mr. Whittier. Legal action in connection with the proposed court test of House Bill 294 will be taken by the end of the month, if not before.

### A Useful General

Whether Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, could with the forces at hand repel an invasion of the United States by Europe may never be known; but he has demonstrated his ability to do what few other generals can do—make peace without killing his opponents. He has repeatedly pacified Indians who have taken to the war path. Recently he settled the trouble between the Villa and Carranza forces who had persisted in firing across the American border line. And now in Utah he has succeeded in quieting the Piutes, who had taken to the warpath.

What must the European generals think of a country that sends its chief of staff to pacify Mexican factions and Indians? What, indeed, must the militarists of our own country think of such undignified proceedings? How much better it would have been, they will think, to have sent an army of several thousand men to round up those Indians in Utah, shoot some, imprison others, and so impress upon their minds the fact that no one can tamper with the dignity of Uncle Samuel. By throwing an army into Mexico we could have taught those miserable people that shooting over the border was a serious thing.

How does our general pacify men without killing them? Why did the Mexicans stop firing across the border at the request of General Scott, when they would not in the face of an army? Why did these Indians yield themselves to the law at the request of this man whom they had never seen, and whose language they could not speak? It was simply because they believed general Scott broad enough to get their point of view, and honest enough to do them justice. The fact that he went among them with only a single companion was evidence that he trusted them. And when he came upon the Indians who had fled from the officers of the law he did not begin threatening them with the awful consequences of defying the United States government. It is his custom to ask for food and drink and to smoke the peace pipe with them. He asks them for the story of their troubles, and he listens with such sympathetic attention that they feel they are talking to a friend. And they are. That, indeed, is the secret of his success. He makes them feel that he is their friend; and they follow his advice because they believe it is the counsel of a friend. Ah, if only there were some means to get civilized people to adopt the Scott method!—The Public.

### Vendetta

"Vendetta," in five acts, will be shown at The Dixie, Monday, April 19th. Matinee at 2:30 p. m. This is another Geo. Kleine attraction. 16.

## Advice That Will Pay

How the farmers along the transcontinental highways used by automobilists can, by a simple expedient make their lands more valuable and every acre salable, is told by Col. D. K. B. Sellers in an open letter he is having published in the interest of good roads in several cities of the state. The letter follows:

"The object of this letter is to call the attention of the people of the different cities, towns and villages in the counties through which the Ocean to Ocean highway passes from Raton Pass to Socorro, and along the line of the Panhandle-Pacific highway from Clovis to Albuquerque, and the Gulf to Colorado route through Clayton, the extreme necessity of at once dragging these roads in their entirety, and that they be put in first-class condition, and kept so, that the immense auto travel to and from California exhibitions shall not be disappointed in the condition of our roads, nor in the progress of our state, but leave us well advertised among their friends."

"This effort on the part of our citizens will increase the value of all of their farming lands and make every acre salable."

"It is estimated that 50,000 or more wealthy people of the east will cross the country this year in automobiles. Their actual expense during the five days it requires to cross the state of New Mexico, will leave one-half million dollars in the state, while their impressions, if good, will result in many millions of dollars being later brought here for the development of the state."

"While there is moisture on the road is the time to drag, and now is the time."

"(Signed) D. K. B. SELLERS."

### At The Dixie—Feature Night

Commencing Friday night, April 23rd, Friday nights will be known as "Feature Nights." On these particular nights nothing will appear on the screen but Broadway Stars, such as Lillian Russell, Milton Lackey, Richard Carl, Mrs. Leslie Carter, Vivian Martin, Clara Kimball Young, etc.

The first feature will be "The Dollar Mark," with a cast of Broadway Stars, Friday, April 23rd, and will be followed up with a number of well known plays, such as "The Pit," "The Lure," "Wildfire," "Old Dutch," "The Wishing Ring," etc.

Every feature will be complete in itself, and will consist of from five to six reels. Admission 10c and 15c.

### April Crop Report for New Mexico

Following is the April crop report for New Mexico, by the bureau of crop estimates, in co-operation with the weather bureau:

Wheat: Condition April 1, 1915, 90; condition April 1, five year average, 93.

Rye: Condition April 1, four year average, 90.

### PRICES TO PRODUCERS

Per bushel, April 1, 1915:  
Wheat, \$1.29; 1914, 79c.  
Corn, \$1.25; 1914, 72c.  
Oats, 80c; 1914, 40c.  
Barley, 95c; 1914, 79c.  
Potatoes, \$1.55; 1914, \$1.13.  
Hay, per ton, \$10.50; 1914, \$14.50.  
Butter, per lb., 32c; 1914, 30c.  
Eggs, per doz., 21c; 1914, 25c.  
Chickens, per lb., 14c; 1914, 13c.

### Methodist Notes for Sunday, April 18

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.  
10:45 a. m. Morning worship and sermon by the pastor.  
7:00 p. m. Young peoples service.  
7:45 p. m. Evening worship and sermon by the pastor. Music by a large chorus choir.  
Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week service for bible study. Children's class Friday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock.

### Ray Spotts Dum, Minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chewing of near Seneca, were in the city today.

## BRITISH LOSS 139,347 SOLDIERS

Death List is Staggering to British Public. Under Secretary of War Makes Revelation.

London, April 15.—The total of British casualties in the war from the beginning of hostilities up to April 11, is 139,347 men, according to an announcement made in the house of commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, under secretary of war.

### Local and Personal

Ray and Guy Wood of the Cuates country, attended to business in the city this week.

J. J. Murray of Des Moines, was a county seat visitor several days this week.

Our stock of toilet preparations is complete, prices exactly right. We have it. City Drug Store.

John Lauterbach, one of the big ranchmen of near Springer, attended to business in Clayton this week.

W. W. Tuthill, one of our regulars in the Thomas country, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday trading with News advertisers.

One good furnished room to rent, northwest of schoolhouse. Gentleman preferred. Robert Bangert, 14-31.

A. B. Christerson, postmaster at Sedan, and one of the real boosters of Union county, was looking after business in the city the first of the week.

J. H. Shannon of the Seneca country a News regular, attended to business in the city Wednesday. Mr. Shannon is another prosperous Union county agriculturist.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Jennings are very proud of a boy baby who arrived at their home Wednesday morning. The new citizen is to be congratulated on his choice of parents.

C. D. Uzzell of near Thomas, was in the city several days this week. Mr. Uzzell has a fine place in the Thomas community, and has been very successful growing agricultural products.

Oscar Aldredge, who recently located in the Sedan country and is establishing a nice headquarters ranch was here Thursday after well casing and a windmill. Mr. Aldredge is the kind of man that will bring great development to Union county.  
Hon. G. C. Smith, one of Union county's elected representatives to the state legislature, returned on Monday from a business trip to Trinidad. Mr. Smith made the return trip in a new automobile, something he has needed very badly in his business.

Walter and Jim Giles, popular members of the Giles clan of the Cimarron country, attended to business in the city several days this week. The Giles boys are numerous and deservedly popular, and boosters for The News as all good people are.

Don't fail to see the moving picture showing the manufacture of Holeproof Hosiery.

The most interesting industrial motion pictures ever shown. At the Dixie Theatre Saturday and Sunday nights. Shown through courtesy of OTTO-JOHNSEN MERC. Co.

### Baptist Services for April 18, 1915

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m. morning worship, sermon subject, "The New Testament Priesthood."  
6:45 p. m. Young Peoples' Meeting.  
7:45 p. m. sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Atonement."  
J. Q. HERRIN, Pastor.

### Sweet Potato Slips for Sale

700 bushel bedded, \$1.75 and \$2.00 per 1000. Also cabbage, tomato, pepper, collard, sage, and egg plants for sale. Write for circular of prices and kinds. T. Jones & Co., Clarendon, Texas.